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## ENFORCEMENT, PENALTIES AND REMEDIES

- 1. Pursuant to the provisions of G. S. 153A-123, a violation of this Ordinance shall subject the offender to a civil penalty to be recovered by the County in a civil action in the nature of debt if the defendant does not pay the penalty within 30 days after he has been cited for a violation of the ordinance. Each day a violation occurs or continues shall be a separate and distinct offense.
- 2. Pursuant to the provisions of G. S. 153A-123 this Ordinance may be enforced by an appropriate equitable remedy and by injunction and order of abatement.
- 3. The Director of Solid Waste or his designee, the Sheriff of Edgecombe County or one of his Deputies, or the Edgecombe County Manager or his designee are hereby empowered to issue civil citations upon the observance of a violation of this Ordinance.
- 4. Minimum civil penalties for violation of this Ordinance shall be the following:

A. Illegal dumping including prohibited material in the bulk container or on the ground around the container or dumping in unapproved areas.

First Offense \$25.00 Second Offense \$50.00 Subsequent Offense \$100.00

B. Violation of any other provision of this ordinance of the N. C. Division of Health Service Management rules:

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- 5. Not withstanding the penalties described in No. 2 above, the County may seek restitution for damages or extra expense covered by the violation of this Ordinance in any court having jurisdiction.
- 6. In addition to or in lieu of the civil penalties described herein, violation of this Ordinance may be prosecuted as misdemeanors in accordance with the general statues of North Carolina. In the case of criminal violation each day a violation occurs or continues shall be a separate offense and that

person or firm in violation of this Ordinance shall be subject to a fine not exceeding fifty (\$50.00) dollars and imprisonment not exceeding thirty (30) days for each offense.